

Morphine Sulfate:

I. Myocardial infarction

A. Management

1. Position of comfort
2. Pharmacological
 - a. Gases
 - b. Nitrates
 - c. Platelet aggregate inhibitor
 - d. Analgesia
 - e. Increase or decrease heart rate
 - f. Possible antiarrhythmic
 - g. Possible antihypertensives
3. Electrical
 - a. Constant ECG monitoring
 - b. Defibrillation/ synchronized cardioversion
 - c. Transcutaneous pacing

II. Heart failure

A. Management

1. Position of comfort
2. Pharmacological
 - a. Gases
 - b. Afterload reduction
 - c. Analgesia
 - d. Diuresis

III. Trauma

A. Burns

1. Management
 - a. Airway, oxygenation, and ventilation
 - b. Circulatory management
 - c. Pharmacological support - Analgesia
 - d. Non-pharmacological management
 - e. Transport considerations
 - (1) Appropriate mode
 - (2) Appropriate facility
 - f. Psychological support/ communication strategies - Patient and family advocacy

B. Musculoskeletal

1. Management
 - a. Dislocation/ fractures
 - (1) Realignment
 - (a) Typically dislocated joints should be immobilized in the position of injury and transported for reduction
 - (b) Delayed or prolonged transport requires a different approach
 - (c) An attempt to reposition any dislocated joint into anatomical position should be made if distal circulation is impaired and if transportation is long or prolonged
 - (d) Check circulation and nerve function before and after any manipulation of any injured bone or joint
 - (e) Discontinue an attempt at repositioning if
 - i. Pain is increased significantly by manipulation, and / or
 - ii. Resistance to movement is encountered
 - (2) Limb-threatening injuries
 - (a) Knee dislocation/ fracture
 - (b) Dislocation/ fracture of the ankle
 - (c) Subcondylar fractures of the elbow
 - (3) Always assess pulses, sensation, and motor function before and after manipulating the injury
 - (4) Specific techniques for specific joints
 - (a) Finger realignment

- (b) Hand and wrist fractures
 - i. Common with direct trauma
 - ii. Noticeable deformity
 - iii. Significant pain
 - iv. High incidence for nerve and vessel damage
 - v. Splint on a padded board splint with the hand in position of function
- (c) Hip realignment
 - i. One attempt if there is severe neurovascular compromise
 - ii. As soon as possible after the injury
 - iii. Do not attempt if associated with other severe injuries
 - iv. Analgesics
 - v. Procedure
 - (i) Traction
 - (ii) Hip 90 degrees
 - (iii) Knee 90 degrees
 - (iv) Along shaft of femur
 - (v) Steady and slow to relax muscle spasm
 - (vi) Success
 - 1. "Pop" into joint
 - 2. Sudden relief of pain
 - 3. Leg can easily and painlessly be returned to full extension
 - vi. Immobilization, full extension, long backboard, reevaluation of pulses and innervation
 - vii. Immobilization, comfortable flexion not to exceed 90 degrees, pillows, chair, cardboard, supine position of patient
- (d). Knee realignment - do not confuse with a patella dislocation, this is a limb-threatening injury
 - i. One attempt if there is severe neurovascular compromise
 - ii. As soon as possible after the injury
 - iii. An attempt to reposition a dislocation of the knee into anatomical position should be made if transport time is delayed or prolonged greater than two hours, even if distal circulation is normal
 - iv. Do not attempt if associated with other severe injuries
 - v. Analgesics
 - vi. Procedure
 - (i) Apply gentle and steady traction and then move the injured joint into normal position
 - (ii) Full extension
 - (iii) Steady pull to relax muscle spasm
 - (iv) Success
 - 1. "Pop" into joint
 - 2. Loss of deformity
 - 3. Relief of pain
 - 4. Knee is now more mobile
 - v. Immobilization, full extension, backboard, long board splints, no traction, assess pulses, position of greatest comfort, slight flexion
- (e) Ankle realignment
 - i. One attempt if there is severe neurovascular compromise
 - ii. As soon as possible after the injury
 - iii. Do not attempt if associated with other severe injuries
 - iv. Analgesic
 - v. Procedure
 - (i) Pull traction on the talus while stabilizing the tibia
 - (ii) Slow and steady to relax spasm

- (iii) Success, sudden rotation to normal position
 - (iv) Immobilization, as per fracture, check distal pulse
- (f) Shoulder realignment
 - i. One attempt if there is severe neurovascular compromise
 - ii. As soon as possible after the injury
 - iii. Do not attempt if associated with other severe injuries or back injuries
 - iv. Analgesic
 - v. Procedure
 - (i) Pull traction in the anatomical position only